

ADAMS POWER PLANT TRANSFORMER HOUSE

Off 15th Avenue near Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls

Built in the last decade of the 19th century, this electric-power-generating facility retained its position as the largest hydroelectric power plant in the world well into the 20th century. When it became operational, long-distance commercial electrical transmission became a reality. The transformer house, an impressive stone structure built in 1895 from designs by McKim, Mead and White, is the only surviving building of the original plant, which has been hailed as “the birthplace of the modern hydroelectric power station.”